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Application No. 08/795,038
Filed: February 5, 1997
Title of Invention: PRODUCT RECOVERY
SYSTEM

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed November 12, 2003, under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is GRANTED.

The patent issued April 6, 1999. Accordingly, the first maintenance fee due could have been paid during the period from April 6, 2002 through October 6, 2002 or with a surcharge during the period from October 7, 2002 through April 6, 2003. This patent expired on April 7, 2003.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) to accept late payment of the maintenance fee was filed on July 30, 2003 and was dismissed in a decision mailed August 13, 2003. A request for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(e) was filed August 25, 2003 and dismissed in a decision mailed October 29, 2003.

Comes now the petitioner with the instant petition filed under 37 CFR 1.378(c) and the surcharge in the amount of \$940 (the surcharge in the amount of \$700 paid with the July 30, 2003 petition will be applied to this petition). Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case, paid July 30, 2003, is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (703) 305-4497.

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